Recovery of Dues from Government Hospitals and Police Stations

†190. PROF. RAM GOPAL YADAV:

SHRI RAMASHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

whether huge amount of telephone bills are outstanding against Government hospitals and police stations throughout the country; if so, the amount outstanding against hospitals and police *stations* separately;

whether Government disconnects the telephone connection and takes legal action also against general public in order to recover the outstanding amount;

what action would be taken by Government to recover the entire outstanding amount from hospitals and police stations; and

by when the amount would be recovered; if not, what decision would be taken by Government regarding the outstanding amount?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) to (d) The information has been called for and the same will be placed on the Table of the House.

Telephones in Villages

† 191. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

DR. D. MASTHAN:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

whether it is a fact that the responsibility of giving telephone connections in the villages of the country was given to private and public sectors during the last few years;

if so, the number of villages in the country till March, 2000 where the work of giving telephone connections under this responsibility has been completed by private and public sectors; and

the target given to both the sectors in terms of number of villages for giving telephone connections during the said period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Out of 6,07,491 villages in the country, 3,74,605 villages have been

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

provided with telecom facility by the Department of Telecom. Services and 12 by Private Basic Service Operators (PBSOs) till March, 2000.

(c) DTS targets during the last three years are given as under:

Year	Target
1997-98	83,000
1998-99	45,000
1999-2000	45,136

Targets for Private Licensees are given as under:—

S. No	Licencsee & Licensed Circle	Committed targets in first 3 years (as per obligation under licence agreement) 1st Year	2nd Year	3rd Year
1.	TTL (AP)	9635 (by 30.9.98)	All villages to be covered in I st year itself	
2.	RTL (Gujarat)	8635 (by 30.9.98)	All villages to be covered in 1 st year itself.	
3.	ESSAR (PB)	5442 (by 30.9.98)	All villages to be covered in 1st year itself.	
4.	HDL (MH)	4000 (by 30.9.98)	21760 (by 30.9.99)	All villages to be covered in 1st 2 years
5.	BTNL (MP)	5500 (by 30.9.98)	5500 (by 30.9.99)	5500 (by 30.9.2000)
6.	STL (RJ)	7439 (by 4.3.99)	10629 (by 4.3.2000)	13766 (by 4.3.2001)

Optic Fibre Network in the Country

192. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

the total Optic Fibre Network in the country and how much it belongs to DOT;

whether DOT has any plan to add further to this Optic Fibre Network; and

if so, the details thereof?